

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: <b>2131</b>
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<b>Ichiro Futamura</b>	)	Examiner: <b>Christopher A. Revak</b>
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Application No. <b>09/944,424</b>	)	Confirmation No. <b>1855</b>
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Filed: <b>August 30, 2001</b>	)	
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For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM,	)	
PERSON AUTHENTICATION METHOD,	)	
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
AND PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM	)	

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**


Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated February 15, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-24. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 40.20(b)(1), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated February 15, 2006 by three months for a fee of \$1,020.00. The credit card payment authorization for the fees is made via the electronic submission process.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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